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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Francis X. McKeen

Application No.: 10/644,399

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS
TO RETAIN SYSTEM CONTROL
WHEN A BUFFER OVERFLOW
ATTACK OCCURS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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Examiner:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendment.